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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Craig Watson on his  
4 esteemed career as an educator and on the occasion of his  
5 retirement; and

6           WHEREAS, After graduating from college in 1976, Craig  
7 Watson was hired as an 8th-grade language arts teacher in  
8 District 308's Oswego Junior High School and as an assistant  
9 basketball coach at Oswego High School; and

10           WHEREAS, Craig Watson met his wife on his first day of  
11 teaching; and

12           WHEREAS, Craig Watson taught for several years at Traughber  
13 Junior High School as a 6th-grade self-contained classroom  
14 teacher; and

15           WHEREAS, While at Traughber, Craig Watson also spent time  
16 coaching 7th-grade basketball, track, and intramurals and  
17 freshman-level basketball at the high school; and

18           WHEREAS, Craig Watson spent 7 years in the private sector  
19 while remaining involved in coaching basketball at Princeton  
20 and Buda Western High Schools and track at Princeton High

1 School; and

2 WHEREAS, After his time in the private sector, Craig Watson  
3 returned to Traughber and Oswego High School for one year as a  
4 teacher and coach before heading to Minooka High School to  
5 teach English and coach basketball, track, and cross country;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 1992, Craig Watson returned to Oswego High  
8 School, where he remained until his retirement; and

9 WHEREAS, While at Oswego High School, Craig Watson taught  
10 English while serving as the assistant varsity boys basketball  
11 coach, athletic director, and varsity boys basketball coach;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Craig Watson retired as Oswego High School's  
14 assistant principal for operations; and

15 WHEREAS, Craig Watson has earned several distinguished  
16 accolades, including OHS Male Teacher of the Year, Village of  
17 Oswego Outstanding Educator, Those Who Excel Award of Merit  
18 from the Illinois State Board of Education, OHS Athletic Hall  
19 of Fame inductee, and Illinois Athletic Directors Hall of Fame  
20 inductee; and

1           WHEREAS, Craig Watson took pride in the fact that, while  
2           serving as Athletic Director, 90% of OHS varsity sports teams  
3           earned the IHSA's All-Academic Achievement Award and OHS  
4           student-athletes earned 5 State trophies, including 2 State  
5           championships; and

6           WHEREAS, Craig Watson has spent a total of 30 years in  
7           education, 25 of them being in District 308; and

8           WHEREAS, Craig Watson is recognized by his colleagues for  
9           his caring and compassionate style and is a highly respected  
10          leader and mentor to both students and staff; therefore, be it

11          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12          NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13          we congratulate Craig Watson on his 30 years as an educator and  
14          athletic coach and for his retirement; and be it further

15          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16          presented to Craig Watson as a symbol of our respect and  
17          esteem.